

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Presently Amended) A permanent ground covering mulch of a self-coherent particulate magnetic material comprising: a mixture of a particulate ceramic magnetic material selected from the group consisting of strontium ferrite or barium ferrite and a particulate magnetic attracting material selected from the group consisting of iron or magnetite; said particulate ceramic magnetic material comprising magnetic particles of a dimension of from about 1 to about 25 millimeters and comprising at least 50% by volume of said mixture.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Presently Amended) A permanent ground covering mulch of a self-coherent particulate magnetic material comprising: a mixture of a particulate magnetic ceramic material

selected from the group consisting of strontium ferrite or barium ferrite and a particulate magnetically inert material; said particulate magnetic ceramic material comprising magnetic particles of a dimension of from about 1 to about 25 millimeters and comprising at least 50% by volume of said mixture.

17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Cancelled)